



## BGM Executive Committee March 9-March 11, 2017

### AGENDA

**Meeting Site:** Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Atlanta  
275 Baker Street NW  
Atlanta, GA 30313  
Ph: 404-577-2001

**Housing:** Hilton Garden Inn

**Officers:** Judy Fackenthal, President  
Josue Gómez-Menendez, Vice President  
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer  
Don Ng, Past President  
Susan E. Gillies, Interim General Secretary

**Committee:** Felipe Candelaria, Puerto Rico  
Zina Jacque, Metro Chicago  
Tasha Wilson, Rochester/Genesee

**Chaplain:** Kay Farley, Rocky Mountains

**Parliamentarian:** Dennis Johnson, West Virginia

**Staff:** Alan Musoke, Associate General Secretary/Treasurer/CFO  
Kathy Jachowski, Administrator

**Wednesday, March 8** –For those going on the tour of Atlanta, meet in the lobby at 9:30 am. Paul Higgins will drive the group in a van to meet Dr. Albert Paul Brinson at the Old Ebenezer Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. All meals on own. Al Brinson cell 757-651-9990.

*The tour will include the original Ebenezer, the new Ebenezer Baptist Church across the street, Martin Luther King's family home and The King Center. The group can then go to lunch and the Carter Center. Another option would be to go to Morehouse College.*

***Special Note: Please review the results of last fall's survey before this meeting. (See attached)***

**Thursday, March 9, 2017, Breakfast on Own**  
**8:45 a.m. – Committee convenes at Hilton Garden Inn**

1. Call to Order

ABC President Judy Fackenthal, presiding

2. Morning Devotions

Kay Farley, BGM Chaplain

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3. Adoption of Proposed Agenda and  
Approval of Minutes of November 16-17, 2016

Judy Fackenthal

**Proposed Action:** To adopt the proposed agenda dated March 9-11, 2017 and approval of minutes of November 16-17, 2016

4. Report of the ABCUSA Nominating Committee  
ABC Officers Nominated for the 2018-2019 Biennium  
Josue Gómez-Menendez, President  
Dean Parker, Vice President

Judy Fackenthal, Chair

5. Morning Session

a. Presidents Report

Judy Fackenthal

b. Interim General Secretary's Report

Susan Gillies

6. Budget Review Officers Report

a. Year to Date Financials

Paul Higgins and Alan Musoke

b. United Missions Support Update

Al Fletcher (report)

c. Building Issues

**LUNCH – Depart 12:10 P.M.** for Mary Mac's Tea Room (We will be joined by Suzii Paynter, Executive Coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and guest)

7. Discussion of Priorities for BGM Executive Committee

Felipe Candelaria and Zina Jacque

a. What do “seek the welfare of the whole” and “harmonizing” mean for ABCUSA?

b. How do we interpret our take on our focus and direction to the new General Secretary and adapt as we feel led to the unique vision and goals of the General Secretary?

c. Ideas for building a relationship with the new General Secretary.

d. Ideas for improving Board orientation (identity, focus, vision, function)

8. Board Members Transitions

***BREAK – 5:15 p.m.***

***DINNER –6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn***

**Friday, March 10, 2017, Breakfast on Own**

**8:45 a.m. – Committee convenes at Hilton Garden Inn**

9. Morning Devotions

Kay Farley, BGM Chaplain

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10. Credentials and Caucus Report

Josue Gómez-Menendez

11. General Updates

a. Creation Justice Network

Don Ng

b. Emerging Theologians Conference

Amy Chilton Thompson (report)

c. *Transformed by the Spirit*/Journey Team

Susan Gillies

**Friday, March 10, 2017, 10:00 a.m.** – Committee travels to American Baptist Historical Society for tour of American Baptist Historical Society with host, Priscilla Eppinger and lunch there with special guests at 12:00 PM

**Committee reconvenes at Hilton Garden Inn**

12. Biennial Mission Summit Planning

a. Draft of June 2017 BGM/Biennial Mission Summit Schedule

Judy Fackenthal

b. Update on Baptist Talk

Don Ng

c. Pre-Biennial All Board Gathering

Judy Fackenthal

d. Request from Calvary Baptist in Denver and response letter

Judy Fackenthal

**Proposed Action:** To approve the response letter to Calvary Baptist in Denver

e. Cora & John Sparrowk Presidents' Award

Judy Fackenthal

**Proposed Action:** Vote on recommended nominations

***BREAK – 5:15 p.m.***

***DINNER –6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn***

**Saturday, March 11, 2017, Breakfast on Own**

**8:45 a.m. – Committee convenes at Hilton Garden Inn**

13. Morning Devotions

Kay Farley, BGM Chaplain

14. Strategy for 2019 Ministers Conference

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15. Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Josue Gómez-Menendez

BGM and BGM Executive Committee Meeting dates and locations for 2017...

*June 27-28, 2017 – Portland, OR (Nominating Committee will meet on June 26)*

*June 29, 2017 – Pre-Biennial Events; June 30-July 2, 2017 – Biennial Mission Summit*  
*September 14-16, 2017(Executive Committee) – Puerto Rico*  
*November 16-18, 2017 – King of Prussia, PA (Nominating Committee will meet aft. of Nov. 15;*  
*Executive Committee dinner on Nov. 15)*

BGM and BGM Executive Committee Meeting dates and locations for 2018...

- March 2019 Biennial location
- June 13-15, 2018 (Wednesday through Thursday)
- September one idea: Omaha
- November 9-11, 2018 (Friday through Sunday)

BGM and BGM Executive Committee Meeting dates and locations for 2019...

- March
- June
- September one idea: Denver
- November

15. Date and Venue for 2019 Biennial Summit